A Looking-Glaſs for a Bad Husband: *Or,*

A Caveat for a Spend-thriſt.

You that are guilty of that ſinful Crime
Of Drunkenneſs, ſtrive for to leave it off in time:
Lay up your Money, do not it vainly ſpend;
For in your greateſt need, it will be your beſt Friend.
Endeavour in your Youth, leſt in old Age you want;
For when that Poverty doth come, Friends will be ſcant.

To the Tune of, *The Poor Man's Comfort:* Or, *Digby.* By *T. L.*

YOu that are bad Husbands
I pray you draw near,
Good Counſel here's for you,
if you will give ear:
Then obſerve it rightly,
and bear it in mind,
A great deal of Benefit
in it you'l find.
Here you may learn how
to live gallant alſo brave,
If you will endeavour
for to get and ſave.
Then take care how in idle
your money you ſpend,
For in time of need
it will be your beſt Friend.

You ſee that the times
are very hard grown,
Trading it is dead both
in Country and Town:
If a Man he han't where withal
him to maintain,
To make his complaint
it is all but in vain.
For money is ſcarce,
and Charity's cold:
Then ſave ſomething in youth
againſt you are old.
Then take care, &c.

Now you that intend
good Husbands to be,
Obſerve well this Rule
in every degree:
If you do get money
don't ſpend it in waſt,
For when it is gone,
you will want it at laſt
To be careful and ſaving,
you muſt always ſtrive,
O that is the right ready
way for to thrive.
Then take care how in waſt
thou doſt thy money ſpend,
For in time of need
it will be thy beſt Friend.

FIrſt at the imployment
and worke be not ſlack,
To get Food for the Belly,
and Cloaths for the Back.
When then thou haſt got money,
don't ſpend it in vain:
But keep it and ſave it,
thy charge to maintain.
Take care and refrain
from all bad company:
For that is the high way
unto Poverty.
Then take care how in waſt
thou doſt thy mony ſpend,
For in time of need
it will be thy beſt Friend.

Refrain from the Ale-houſe,
and don't it frequent:
To be thrifty and careful
let thy mind be bent.
But if thou chance
with a friend for to meet,
With a Flaggon or two
thou then maiſt him greet:
And when thou haſt done,
then to worke again fall:
Some thing hath ſome ſavour,
though it be but ſmall.
Then take, &c.

If that thou art bleſt
with a good careful Wife,
Be loving unto her
all dayes of thy Life.
If ſhe gives thee good counſel,
do not it refrain,
Thou'lt find at the laſt
it will be for thy gain.
Shun the company of Harlots,
for they'l thee betray,
And bring both thy Body
and Soul to decay.
Then take, &c.

Alſo unto Gameing
do not thy ſelf vile,
To hazard thy money,
in danger to loſe.
For many by gaming
confounds their Eſtate,
And then they repent it,
when it is too late.
Such idle courſe before
allwaees deſye,
Endeavour for to follow
good Husbandry.
Then take, &c.

But ſome there that be that
will at an Ale-houſe ſit,
And waſte away credit,
both money and wit:
Until they have ſpent all,
they will nere quiet reſt,
But makes themſelves
worſer then is any beaſt.
So they can have their
full of ſtrong drink, they don't care
Tho the belly and back
do go empty and bare.
Then take, &c.

I heard of a Prodigal
ſwaggering young Hair,
Who ſpent ſix hundred pound
in leſs than two year:
He caper'd and vapor'd,
and took his delight:
He ranted in Taverns
both day and night:
But when all his Gold
it was waſted and gone,
O then he was ſlighted
by every one.
Then take, &c.

And thus you may ſee
that bad Husbandry
Will bring a Man at laſt
unto beggary.
For thoſe that are ſpend-thrifts,
allwayes thred-bare be.
With their cloaths all torn,
a ſad ſight for to ſee:
But thoſe that are careful
their mony to ſave,
They both maintain their
Family gallant and brave.
Then take, &c.

To conclude, I adviſe
all good Fellows that are
In time, of the main chance
for to have a care,
Take heed, and be ſaving
of that which thou haſt,
It is not good in plenty
for to make waſte.
Remember this Proverb,
and bear it in mind.
When Poverty comes
Friendſhip is hard to find.
Then take care how in waſt
thou doſt thy money ſpend,
For in time of need
it will be thy beſt Friend.

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